

*Backs legislation blocking pay raise for members of Congress in FY2011*

Washington, DC - Congressman Harry Teague has again signed on as an original co-sponsor of a measure to block federal lawmakers from receiving automatic pay increases, this time for the 2011 fiscal year.

“For Congress to give itself a pay raise while southern New Mexicans are still struggling in the wake of this economic crisis, is just plain wrong,” said Congressman Harry Teague. “I am hopeful that we will stop the pay raise again for 2011.”

In February, Congressman Harry Teague joined more than 100 co-sponsors on H.R. 156, which blocked the automatic pay increase for FY2010. The measure was eventually adopted by Congressional leaders and the 2010 pay raise was eliminated.

Congressman Harry Teague pledged earlier this year to return any 2009-2010 pay raise to the taxpayers by returning that part of his salary to the U.S. Treasury.

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